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19 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, Plans and Development Staff

SUBJECT : Acquisition of Test Film on G³, SR-71 and 116-A Camera Systems

1. In response to your memorandum dated 12 October 1965 requesting 500 foot lengths of test film on G³, SR-71 and 116-A camera systems the following actions have been taken.

a. 116-A Camera System -- One duplicate positive copy of 116-A camera system mission ATF 1258 has been ordered from Production Services Division. It is expected that this film will be ready for your use within the next week.

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b. SR-71 Reconnaissance System

1) [REDACTED] the SR-71 special projects officer, has been contacted in order to determine whether or not a decision has been made to include the solid state recorded DOD data block in SR-71 system. At the present time a request has been made for money to include the data block but no decision has been received. It will be at least a year, if the request is approved, before any imagery is available containing the DOD data block.

2) It is the feeling of the Branch that any present format drawings indicating the position of the proposed data block on the format could misleading.

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c. G³ Camera System -- No test film is presently available on the G³ camera system. [REDACTED] the G³ special projects officer, has been informed that we desire test material as soon as it becomes available.

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2. It is suggested that [REDACTED] be contacted prior to the release of any special code word material imagery to [REDACTED]. It is very doubtful that any special material with imagery will be releasable. I suspect test and check out will have to be accomplished in-house.

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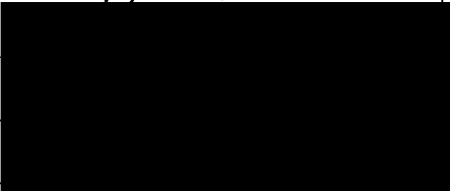

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